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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the document listed below and on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. A copy of the listed document is also enclosed.

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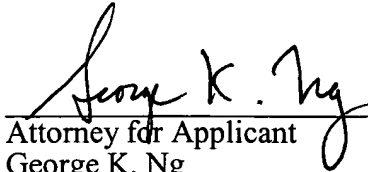
The foregoing document was discussed in the specification at page 2, lines 4 to 7, and might be deemed pertinent for the reasons given there.

In addition, an English-language abstract for the cited Japanese document is enclosed. The English-language abstract is also believed to provide an explanation of relevance of the Japanese document to the subject application.

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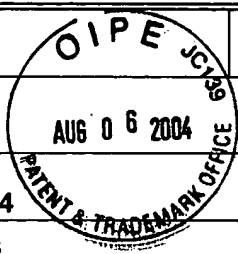
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